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Sentencing in Conspiracy to Burglarize Local Firearms Dealers

(Alexandria, Virginia) – Michael Wayne Lewis, II, 30, of Front Royal, Virginia, was sentenced today to 120 months in federal prison after pleading guilty on February 26, 2008 to conspiracy, sale of stolen firearms, and using a firearm in a drug trafficking crime. Chuck Rosenberg, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia; Edgar A. Domenech, Special Agent in Charge, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, Washington Field Division; Charlie T. Deane, Chief of Police, Prince William County Police Department; and, Connie C. Smith, Sheriff, Rappahannock County Sheriff's Office, made the announcement after Lewis was sentenced by United States District Judge Leonie M. Brinkema.

Lewis was indicted on January 10, 2008, by a federal grand jury on conspiracy, theft and sale of stolen firearms, and using firearms in drug trafficking crimes.

In a statement of facts filed with his plea agreement, Lewis admitted conspiring with others to burglarize federally licensed firearms dealers in Prince William, Rappahannock and Warren Counties. In all he stole 64 firearms, most of which he sold or traded on the street for drugs. One of those with whom he conspired was convicted in federal court of conspiring and selling firearms on February 12, 2008, and three of the persons to whom they sold or traded firearms have also been convicted in federal court for buying stolen firearms.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Prince William County Police Department and the Rappahannock County Sheriff's Office. Assistant United States Attorney Michael E. Rich prosecuted the case on behalf of the United States.

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